

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 1.12. (Cancelled)

1 13. (Currently Amended) A portable inhibitor device for use by a user, comprising a  
2 transmitter of an inhibitor message for restricting processing, by an image capture device, of a  
3 portion of an image corresponding to the user of said [[user ]]portable inhibitor device, wherein  
4 the inhibitor message is recognizable by the image capture device and is to cause an image  
5 processor in the image capture device to perform an action to restrict processing of the portion of  
6 the image corresponding to the user, and wherein the portable inhibitor device is external of and  
7 separate from the image capture device.

1 14. (Currently Amended) The [[user ]]portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim  
2 13, wherein said inhibitor device is arranged to transmit said inhibitor message directionally.

1 15. (Currently Amended) The [[user ]]portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim  
2 13, wherein said inhibitor device is arranged to transmit said inhibitor message omni-  
3 directionally.

1 16. (Currently Amended) The [[user ]]portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim  
2 13, wherein said transmitter is arranged to transmit the inhibitor message comprising an infrared  
3 signal.

1 17. (Currently Amended) The [[user ]]portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim  
2 13, wherein said transmitter is arranged to transmit the inhibitor message comprising a visual  
3 signal.

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1        18. (Currently Amended) The [[user ]]portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim  
2 13, wherein said transmitter is arranged to transmit the inhibitor message comprising a radio  
3 frequency signal.

1        19.-25. (Cancelled)

1        26. (Currently Amended) An image capture system comprising:  
2        an image capture device, said image capture device including an image inhibitor  
3 component responsive to an inhibit signal transmitted by an inhibitor device carried by an object  
4 to restrict processing of a portion of an image captured by said image capture device,  
5        wherein said image capture device is external of and separate from the inhibitor device,  
6        wherein said image capture device includes an encoder responsive to the inhibit signal  
7 detected by the image inhibitor component for encoding the portion of said image captured by  
8 said image capture device, said encoded image portion corresponding to an image of said object.

1        27. (Previously Presented) The image capture system as claimed in claim 26, wherein  
2 the image capture device is configured to:  
3        send the encoded image portion to a trusted third party computer to allow the trusted third  
4 party computer to decode the encoded image portion to recover an image of the object.

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1        28. (Previously Presented) The image capture system as claimed in claim 27, wherein  
2        the image capture device is configured to receive, from said trusted third party computer, the  
3        recovered image of the object.

1        29. (Currently Amended) An image capture system comprising:  
2            an inhibitor device adapted to be mounted on a host wearer for restricting processing of  
3        image data corresponding to said host wearer, wherein the inhibitor device is to transmit an  
4        inhibit message to an image capture device comprising an image inhibitor component for  
5        restricting processing of the image data corresponding to the host wearer within a captured scene  
6        image, wherein said inhibitor device is external of and separate from the image capture device;  
7            wherein said inhibitor device is arranged for sending at least one image of the host wearer  
8        of said inhibitor device to said image capture device to cause said image capture device to use  
9        said at least one image of the host wearer for recognizing an image portion corresponding to said  
10      host wearer within said captured scene image.

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1       30. (Currently Amended) An image capture system comprising:

2           an inhibitor device adapted to be carried by a host wearer for restricting processing of  
3       image data corresponding to said host wearer, wherein the inhibitor device is arranged to  
4       transmit an inhibit signal to an image capture device to cause the image capture device to restrict  
5       processing of the image data corresponding to the host wearer,

6           wherein the inhibitor device is external of and separate from the image capture device,

7           wherein said inhibitor device is arranged to send at least one image of the host wearer of  
8       said inhibitor device to a third party computer entity, to cause said third party computer entity to  
9       use said at least one image of the host wearer for recognizing an image portion corresponding to  
10      said host wearer.

1       31. (Currently Amended) An image capture device comprising:

2           an optics system for forming an image; and

3           an image inhibitor operable for receiving from an inhibitor device associated with a user  
4       that is external of and separate from said image capture device, an inhibit signal for inhibiting a  
5       portion of said image corresponding to the user; and

6           an image processor responsive to detection of the inhibit signal by the image inhibitor to  
7       perform an action to restrict processing of the portion of the image corresponding to the user.

1       32.-39. (Cancelled)

1       40. (Previously Presented) The portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim 13,

2       wherein the inhibitor message is to cause the image processor in the image capture device to  
3       perform the action that modifies the portion of the image corresponding to the user.

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1        41. (Previously Presented) The portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim 40,  
2 wherein modifying of the portion of the image includes one or more of: decreasing a resolution  
3 of the portion of the image; overlaying a graphic image on the portion of the image; defocusing  
4 the portion of the image; and darkening the portion of the image.

1        42. (Previously Presented) The portable inhibitor device as claimed in claim 13,  
2 wherein the transmitter is configured to further send an image of the user to the image capture  
3 device.

1        43. (Previously Presented) The image capture system as claimed in claim 26, wherein  
2 the image capture device is configured to modify the portion of the image to obscure the portion  
3 of the image in response to the inhibit signal.

1        44. (Previously Presented) The image capture system of claim 43, wherein the portion  
2 of the image is modified by one or more of: decreasing a resolution of the portion of the image;  
3 overlaying a graphic image on the portion of the image; defocusing the portion of the image; and  
4 darkening the portion of the image.

1        45. (Previously Presented) The image capture device as claimed in claim 31, wherein  
2 the image processor is to further receive an image of the user from the inhibitor device, and  
3        wherein the image processor is to match the received image of the user with the portion  
4 of said image formed by the optics system.

1        46. (Previously Presented) The image capture device as claimed in claim 31, wherein  
2 the action performed by the image processor includes modifying the portion of the image  
3 corresponding to the user.

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1        47. (Previously Presented) The image capture device as claimed in claim 31, wherein  
2 modifying the portion of the image includes one or more of:

3            decreasing a resolution of the portion of the image; overlaying a graphic image on the  
4 portion of the image; defocusing the portion of the image; and darkening the portion of the  
5 image.

1        48. (Previously Presented) The image capture device as claimed in claim 31, wherein  
2 the image processor is to process image data captured by the optics system.